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# Helms Succeeds Raborn at CIA

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Washington, June 18 (News Bureau)—President Johnson appointed veteran intelligence officer Richard Helms today as the new chief of the Central Intelligence Agency after accepting the resignation of Adm. William Raborn, who will retire to

The shift came in the midst of a battle by Senate liberals to obtain representation on a select committee which oversees operations of the spy agency.

Helms, 53, a native of St. Davids, Pa. was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Williams College in 1935. For two years after graduation he was a reporter for the United Press and then served five years as advertising manager of the Indianapolis times.

Commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy in 1942, he was assigned to the wartime Office of Strategic Services, the elite undercover espionage and counter-espionage service run by the late Maj. Gen. William Donovan. After the war Helms remained in intelligence operations.

Helms joined the CIA at its inception, becoming deputy director in 1947.

Adm. Raborn was named chief of the CIA upon his retirement from active duty in April, 1965, succeeding John McCone, a Los Angeles businessman. Raborn achieved fame in the Navy as builder of the Polaris missile submarine system and was acclaimed as one of the foremost managerial experts in the armed services.

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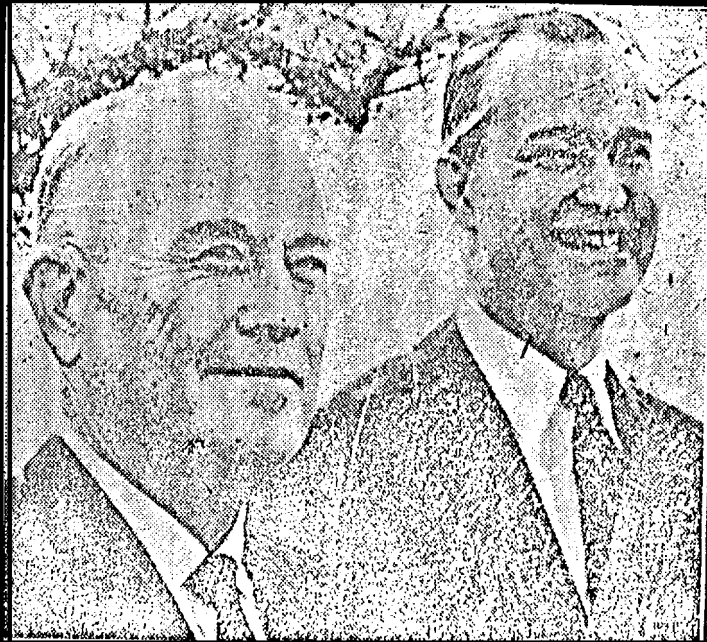
The changeover returns direction of the CIA to a professional in the intelligence field for the first time since the resignation of Allen Dulles several years ago. Raborn had weathered sharp criticism from some quarters because he had no particular intelligence training.

At a press conference, Johnson also discussed statements by Secretary of Commerce John Connor and Secretary of the Treasury Henry Fowler speculating on a tax increase.

"These are personal views," Johnson said. "I don't think any of us can speculate on what the decision might be. When I see evidence that justifies a decision, I will announce it."

In a 38-minute press conference Johnson also:

- Announced the appointment



William F. Raborn (left) and Richard Helms.

• Dr. Samuel M. Nabrit, president of Texas Southern University, to the Atomic Energy Commission, the first Negro on the AEC.

• Appointed Rosel H. Hyde, a Republican, as chairman of the Federal Communications Commis-

sion to succeed E. William Henry. Hyde is now acting chairman.

• Announced action on the rent supplement program approved by Congress last year, with projects in New York City, Boston, the Watts area of Los Angeles and nine other areas across the coun-

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